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Dear Editor,

Please excuse my typing and my writing. They cannot be any better. I'm past 64 now and, with serious illnesses, must keep my legs elevated when I am not walking.

I am the author of the first book on the Warren Commission. My 1965 White-wash: The Report on the Warren ^{Report} Commission remains basic and, as with the eight that followed it, I have not received a phone call or a letter from any of the Commission counsels of whom I wrote so critically in which he complained that I was either unfair or inaccurate in what I wrote about him.

I filed a dozen of so lawsuits under FOIA to bring withheld assassination information to light. I got about a third of a million pages and in the course of that set a few precedents. In 1974, when the Congress amended FOIA, it cited my suit for the results of the scientific testing as requiring amending of the investigator's files exemption to open FBI, CIA and similar files to FOIA access.

Because I believe that FOIA makes those of us who use it surrogate for the people I give unsupervised access to all writing in the field and to our copier, as you may have noticed in Posner's book.

All of this and all my not inconsiderable work product will be a public archives when I can no longer make it available to others.

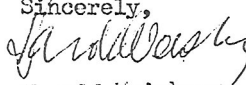
I had to become a publisher to open the subject up, incredible as that may seem, given the significance of the assassination of any president. In the course of getting more than a hundred publisher rejections internationally I did not get a single adverse editorial comment.

FYI, unable to continue to publish, I do, to the limit of my greatly reduced capability, continue to make a record for our history on what I regret the professional historians do not see or refer to as what the assassination of any president is, a de facto coup d'etat. I regard that as the greatest of subversions.

And all the major media and most professional historians shun it!

What has happened to us that was not in the thinking of those greatest of political thinkers, our Founding Fathers?

If you decide to use what I enclose, please feel free to edit it. Or to ask any questions you may have. Or to see what I refer to and do not enclose. There is, alas, a limit to what I am able to do.

Sincerely,

Harold Weisberg

I enclose:

The CIA's 2/14/89 letter to me, with attachments that say the Kennedy's could not have known a thing about the CIA's plots against ^{Hall's charge} Castro, which were of the Eisenhower administration and as of the August before the election;

The FBI's letter notifying the attorney general after that plot was exposed (I have a fat FBI file on this if you know anyone who could be interested in it);

The report to Senator Russell from his legislative ssistant, C.M. Campbell, on my first four books the Senator had given him to read and report on. I've highlighted reference to Russell's refusal to agree to the single-bullet fiction and to the memory-holed executive session. The Garrison reference written on this by Russell refers to the fact that my publisher asked Garrison to write a foreword;

A page from an oral history by Senator Cooper on their joint refusal to agree with that single-bullet fiction;

The transcript of the phone conversation between LBJ and Cooper in which Russell says his objections were incorporated, as they were not, and he and Johnson agree that the single-bullet myth is impossible;

A page from my 1965 book that has the Marine's evaluation of Oswald as a lousy shot in facsimile.